

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2006. Claims 1-21 are pending in the patent application. Claims 1-12 and 18-21 have been allowed. Claim 13 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 14, 15, 16 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and rewritten as new claims 22, 23, 24 and 25, respectively. Additionally, the drawing has been amended. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this response. No new matter has been added by this Response.

The drawing was objected to because the Patent Office states that the drawing should be labeled “FIGURE” or the label “Fig. 1” should be deleted because there is only one figure in the patent application. Applicants have amended the drawing to delete the label “Fig. 1.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawing be withdrawn.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,821,700 to Malsavo (“*Malsavo*”). Applicants have cancelled claim 13.

Claims 14-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 14, 15, 16 and 17 as new claims 22, 23, 24 and 15, respectively. Claims 14-17 have been cancelled. A summary of the subject matter of new claims 22-25 follows.

New claim 22 includes the subject matter of independent claim 13 and objected to claim 14.

New claim 23 includes the subject matter of independent claim 13 and objected to claim 15.

New claim 24 includes the subject matter of objected to claim 15 and depends from new claim 23.

New claim 25 includes the subject matter of independent claim 13 and objected to claim 17.

In light of the above, Applicants request that new claims 22-25, in addition to allowed claims 1-12 and 18-21, be deemed allowable at this time and a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

A check in the amount of \$520.00 is submitted herein to cover the fee for the one-month extension of time and the new claims. If any other fees are due in connection with this application, the Patent Office is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 19-1351. If such withdrawal is made, please indicate the attorney docket number (25493-459900) on the account statement.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached drawing sheet includes changes to the Figure. This sheet replaces the original sheet.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet